



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5462

LCO No. 1910

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Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:
(ET)

AN ACT CONCERNING MOBILE TELEPHONE CHARGES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 16-250b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

3 (a) The Department of Public Utility Control shall have jurisdiction
4 over the provision of cellular mobile telephone service by cellular
5 mobile telephone carriers licensed by the Federal Communications
6 Commission to operate within the state.

7 (b) Not later than six months after July 3, 1985, the department shall
8 adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54,
9 establishing (1) conditions under which the department may forbear
10 from regulating such carriers, and (2) standards and procedures for the
11 regulation, on an equal basis with regard to all carriers, of the rates and
12 charges, services, accounting practices, safety and conduct of
13 operations of such carriers if the department does not forbear from
14 regulating such carriers. Such conditions, standards and procedures
15 shall provide for the public convenience, necessity and welfare.

16 (c) On and after October 1, 2010, each such carrier shall notify
17 potential customers if services not purchased are available to access
18 and will be charged on a per-use basis. Such notice shall be included in
19 a contract written in plain language pursuant to section 42-152 and
20 shall be in twelve-point, boldface type of uniform font.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	16-250b
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Statement of Purpose:

To ensure mobile telephone customers are notified that services not purchased may still be available and charged at a higher, per-use rate.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]